

Claims

1. A method for selecting a service provider for a service that can be received by a mobile station via a radio access network and is provided by at least two service providers, wherein
 - a selecting device receives from the mobile station via a radio interface a request to select the service provider,
 - the service providers are each requested by the selecting device to indicate a value of a selection parameter, and
 - the selecting device selects one of the service providers for the service as a function of the indicated values of the selection parameter.
2. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the mobile station is informed about the service provider selected for the service.
3. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the selecting device assigns the mobile station the service provider selected for the service for a connection setup via the radio interface.
4. The method according to one of claims 1 to 3, wherein a first time interval is specified within which, after being requested to indicate the values of the selection parameter, the service providers are able to indicate their values.
5. The method as claimed in one of the claims 1 to 4, wherein a second time interval is specified on whose expiration a service provider is selected for the service.
6. The method as claimed in claim 4 and 5, wherein
 - the selection parameter's values indicated by the service

providers on expiration of the first time interval are compared with each other,

- a service provider is determined having the selection parameter value most favorable for the mobile station, and
- at least some of the service providers are again requested by the selecting device each to indicate a value of the selection parameter within a third, specifiable time interval.

7. The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the service providers are notified of the most favorable value of the selection parameter along with the renewed request to indicate a value of the selection parameter.

8. The method as claimed in claim 6 or 7, wherein the service providers will, along with the renewed request to indicate a value of the selection parameter, be informed if the same most favorable value of the selection parameter has been indicated by at least two service providers.

9. The method as claimed in one of the preceding claims, wherein the selection parameter is predefined by the mobile station.

10. The method as claimed in one of the preceding claims, wherein a price for the service is applied as the selection parameter.

11. The method as claimed in one of the claims 1 to 9, wherein a transmission quality of the service is applied as the selection parameter.

12. A selecting device for selecting a service provider for a service that can be received by a mobile station via a radio

access network and is provided by at least two service providers,

- having means for receiving a request sent by the mobile station via a radio interface to select a service provider,
- having means for requesting the service providers each to indicate a value of a selection parameter, and
- having means for selecting one of the service providers for the service as a function of the indicated values of the selection parameter.